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THEIR USE FOR TREATING OSTEOPOROSIS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of this application, applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Kindly cancel claims 9-15, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 2-6 and 8 to read as follows:

2. (Amended) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I)
according to claim 1, or a salt thereof or a solvate thereof, wherein said process comprises
the steps of:

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